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Docket No.: M-12019 US

August 29, 2002

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Re: Applicants: George D. Papasouliotis and Robert D. Tas
Assignee: Novellus Systems, Inc.
Title: Method Of Chemical Modification Of Structure Topography
Serial No.: 10/004,386
Examiner: Craig Thompson
Docket No.: M-12019 US
Filed: December 3, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2812

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Request for Continued Examination;
- (4) Preliminary Amendment including Appendices I & II;
- (5) Submission of Formal Drawings;
- (6) Formal Drawings;
- (7) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) PTO 1449 listing 34 references; and
- (9) A copy of each reference listed.



No additional fee is required.



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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

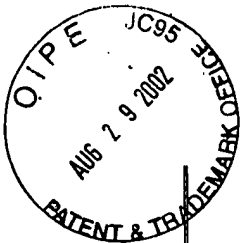
	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>		<u>Rate</u>		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	29	Minus	20	=	9	x	\$18.00	\$	162.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$84.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee for Request for Continued Examination							\$	740.00
<u>Total fee:</u>								\$	<u>902.00</u>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-2386 in the amount of							\$	<u>902.00</u>
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

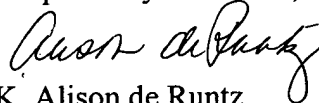
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Applicants submit six (6) sheets of formal drawings, consisting of Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 7, 8, and 9, in the above-named application. If there are any questions regarding these drawings, please call the undersigned at (415) 217-6000.

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